

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 577  
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to urge the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administration to include commercial motor vehicle violators in the Non-Resident Violators Compact.

WHEREAS, the trucking industry is a pervasively regulated industry; and

WHEREAS, commercial trucking firms and their drivers are often based in states other than Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has an enormous amount of commercial motor vehicle traffic due to the major interstates which cross this great state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety operates site inspection stations along the interstates to ensure compliance with the laws of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, if the Department of Safety discovers a non-moving violation by a commercial vehicle, including a commercial motor vehicle that is overweight or that does not have the proper permits, it may issue a citation to the driver of such vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the courts of Tennessee have been unable to collect many of the fines for non-moving violations involving commercial vehicles or their drivers; and

WHEREAS, the payment of fines at the point where such citations are issued would greatly impede the work of the inspectors at site inspection stations; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) represents U.S. and Canadian motor vehicle agency administrators and law enforcement

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officials whose goals are safer North American roadways and quality driver and vehicle administration; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1933, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators is a voluntary, nonprofit, tax exempt, educational organization; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Tennessee and other states to look for a more global solution to the issue of commercial motor vehicle violations; and

WHEREAS, if the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) were to include commercial motor vehicle violations in the Non-Resident Violators Compact, states would be allowed to suspend a person's commercial driver license privileges if a non-moving motor vehicle citation was not timely paid; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators is hereby strongly and resolutely urged and encouraged to include commercial motor vehicle violations in the Non-Resident Violators Compact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22203, with this final clause omitted from such copy.